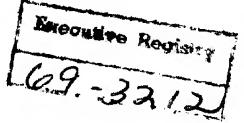


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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

My reconstruction of The President's remarks at the NSC meeting this morning:

"People have been showing a tendency to use intelligence to support conclusions, rather than to arrive at conclusions. I don't mean to say that they are lying about the intelligence or distorting it, but I want you fellows to be very careful to separate facts from opinions in your briefings. After all, I'm the one who has to form the opinion—I'm the only one who has to run, I'm the one who has the sole responsibility when things go to pot.

"The fact is that the intelligence projections for 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968--and I've seen them all--have been up to 50 percent off in what the Russians were going to have--and on the low side.

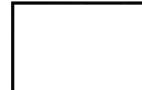
"Now, certainly we can have opinions, and I want to hear them expressed here in this room, but we have got to start with fact, and all the fact, and reach the conclusions on the basis of hard fact. Is that understood now?"

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